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Mr. Chairman and Committee members, my name is Charles Woolley (WOOLLEY), and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to address you today. I am a resident of Sanders County, MT.

I strongly support SB 114.

There is no one in law enforcement more informed regarding local people, their habits, their places of residence, and their activities than the local sheriff. This is especially so in rural counties.

SB114 has much to recommend it.

It allows local review of proposed Federal interventions before they can be carried out.

It can prevent the kind of commando-style raids and unwarranted force we have seen in places like Ruby Ridge, ID, Waco, TX, and the Ballew case in urban Maryland.

If interventions are warranted, the local sheriff can provide improved intelligence to prevent unnecessary bloodshed and ensure that the correct person and location is targeted, and then, only with appropriate force, and at a place and time of day that minimizes the exposure of innocent persons to collateral damage.

I urge you to support our local law enforcement in their service to our communities and vote to pass SB114

Thank you.